

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1-4 (Canceled):

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): A method for operating a contents processing device having a home network interface for connection to a home network and a telephone network interface for connection to a telephone network, the method comprising:

~~a home network interface for connection to a home network;~~

~~a protocol processing unit for executing protocol processing for communications with a server device through [[a]]~~ the telephone network;

~~a solicitation unit for soliciting a set up of connection to the server device through the telephone network, to a gateway device which is connected with both the home network and the telephone network, by using the home network interface;~~

~~an information processing unit for processing contents information obtained by the communications with the server device through the gateway device and the home network interface; and~~

~~a telephone network interface configured to connect to the telephone network; and~~

~~a judgment unit configured to judge~~ judging whether the communications with the server device directly through the telephone network interface is possible or not;

wherein the ~~solicitation unit solicits~~ soliciting step comprises soliciting the set up of connection to the server device through the telephone network to the gateway device by using the home network interface and the ~~protocol processing unit carries~~ executing step comprises carrying out the communications with the server device through the gateway device and the home network interface, when the ~~judgment unit judged~~ judging step judges that the

communications with the server device directly through the telephone network interface is not possible.

Claim 6 (Canceled):

Claim 7 (Currently Amended): A method for operating a contents processing device having a home network interface for connection to a home network, the method comprising:

~~a home network interface for connection to a home network;~~

~~a protocol processing unit for executing protocol processing for communications with~~
a server device through a telephone network;

~~a solicitation unit for soliciting a set up of connection to the server device through the~~
telephone network, to a gateway device which is connected with both the home network and
the telephone network, by using the home network interface; and

~~an information processing unit for processing contents information obtained by the~~
communications with the server device through the gateway device and the home network
interface;

wherein the ~~protocol processing unit carries~~ executing step comprises carrying out a
prescribed procedure using the communications with the server device in order to obtain a
permission to process a specific contents information, when a need to obtain a permission to
process the specific contents information arises; and

the ~~information processing unit reads~~ processing step comprises reading out the
specific contents information from a prescribed storage medium, and the ~~protocol processing~~
~~unit obtains~~ executing step comprises obtaining an address information of the server device
which is to be used in setting up connection to the server device, which is recorded along
with the specific contents information in the prescribed storage medium.

Claim 8 (Currently Amended): The ~~contents processing device~~ method of claim 7, wherein the ~~protocol processing unit~~ executing step authenticates the address information using an authentication information for the address information which is also recorded in the prescribed storage medium, before obtaining the address information.

Claim 9 (Currently Amended): The ~~contents processing device~~ method of claim 7, wherein the ~~protocol processing unit~~ executing step obtains the address information by decrypting an encrypted address information which is recorded in the prescribed storage medium.

Claim 10 (Currently Amended): A method for operating a contents processing device having a home network interface for connection to a home network, the method comprising:

~~a home network interface for connection to a home network;~~

~~a protocol processing unit for executing protocol processing for communications with a server device through a telephone network;~~

~~a solicitation unit for soliciting a set up of connection to the server device through the telephone network, to a gateway device which is connected with both the home network and the telephone network, by using the home network interface; and~~

~~an information processing unit for processing contents information obtained by the communications with the server device through the gateway device and the home network interface;~~

wherein the ~~protocol processing unit carries~~ executing step comprises carrying out a prescribed procedure using the communications with the server device in order to obtain a

permission to process a specific contents information, when a need to obtain a permission to process the specific contents information arises; and

the ~~protocol processing unit executes~~ executing step comprises executing the protocol processing by executing a communication protocol program which is recorded in the prescribed storage medium along with the specific contents information.

Claim 11 (Currently Amended): The ~~contents processing device~~ method of claim 10, wherein the ~~protocol processing unit~~ executing step executes the communication protocol program by decrypting an encrypted communication protocol program which is recorded in the prescribed storage medium.

Claim 12 (Currently Amended): A method for operating a contents processing device having a home network interface for connection to a home network, the method comprising:

~~a home network interface for connection to a home network;~~

~~a protocol processing unit for executing protocol processing for communications with a server device through a telephone network;~~

~~a solicitation unit for soliciting a set up of connection to the server device through the telephone network, to a gateway device which is connected with both the home network and the telephone network, by using the home network interface; and~~

~~an information processing unit for processing contents information obtained by the communications with the server device through the gateway device and the home network interface;~~

wherein the ~~protocol processing unit carries~~ executing step comprises carrying out a prescribed procedure using the communications with the server device in order to obtain a

permission to process a specific contents information, when a need to obtain a permission to process the specific contents information arises; and

the ~~protocol processing unit executes~~ executing step comprises executing the protocol processing by executing one communication protocol program that is executable at the contents processing device among a plurality of communication protocol programs of identical function written in different programming languages which are recorded in the prescribed storage medium along with the specific contents information.

Claim 13 (Currently Amended): The ~~contents processing device~~ method of claim 12, wherein the ~~protocol processing unit~~ executing step executes said one communication protocol program by decrypting a corresponding one encrypted communication protocol program which is recorded in the prescribed storage medium.

Claim 14 (Currently Amended): A method for operating a contents processing device having a home network interface for connection to a home network, the method comprising:

~~a home network processing unit for~~ executing protocol processing for communications with a server device through a telephone network;

~~a solicitation unit for~~ soliciting a set up of connection to the server device through the telephone network, to a gateway device which is connected with both the home network and the telephone network, by using the home network and the telephone network, by using the home network interface; and

~~an information processing unit for~~ processing contents information obtained by the communications with the server device through the gateway device and the home network interface;

wherein the ~~information processing unit utilizes~~ processing step comprises utilizing contents information recorded in a prescribed storage medium when a replay condition recorded in the prescribed storage medium is satisfied or when a permission regarding contents information utilization is obtained through a prescribed procedure.

Claim 15 (Currently Amended): The ~~contents processing device method~~ of claim 14, further comprising:

~~an extraction unit for~~ extracting an address information of the server device to be communicated with in order to obtain the permission when the replay condition recorded in the prescribed storage medium is not satisfied;

wherein the ~~solicitation unit~~ soliciting step solicits the set up of connection to the server device according to the address information extracted by the ~~extraction unit~~ extracting step, and the ~~protocol processing unit~~ executing step carries out the prescribed procedure for obtaining the permission from the server device through the connection established by the gateway device in response to a solicitation by the ~~solicitation unit~~ soliciting step.

Claim 16 (Currently Amended): The ~~contents processing device method~~ of claim 15, wherein the ~~protocol processing unit~~ executing step carries out the prescribed procedure by executing a communication protocol program which is recorded in the prescribed storage medium along with the contents information.

Claims 17-20 (Canceled).